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To: ViceChairman.Howard **Subject:** Rate Hike

Butch,

We go back a long ways, and I know you well enough from Kiwanis and Touchdown Club days to know that you know the rate hike that SCE&G is trying to pull over the public is taking advantage of its customers. SCANA is a public company and should use its own vast fortunes to finance its own endeavors the way other publicly traded companies do; or borrow money the way most people and companies do. But don't pass the cost of future projects off to customers who have no other choice but to use a monopoly such as SCE&G. Thank you.

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